
7. Home Health Care Services

7.a. Intermittent or Part-time Nursing Service

1. There are no limitations on the intermittent or part-time nursing service provided by the home health agency.
2. There are no limitations on the intermittent or part-time nursing service provided by the registered nurse when no home health agency exists in the area except that the registered nurse must be approved by the local health department serving that area as capable of performing the service.
3. Home health agencies may provide disposable medical supplies necessary for, or related to, the provision of intermittent or part-time nursing service as specified for coverage by the Medicaid Program.

7.b. Homehealth Aide

Services are provided in accordance with the treatment plan.

7.c. Medical Supplies, Equipment, Prosthetics, and Orthotics Suitable for Use in the Home

Each Provider desiring to participate as a durable medical equipment, prosthetic, orthotic, or medical supply provider must be a participating Medicare provider and sign a provider agreement with the Department for Medicaid Services.

Durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and medical supplies are covered only in accordance with the following conditions:

1. The Department covers items specified in the Medicare region C DMERC DMEPOS Suppliers Manual. The provider may, however, submit requests for other specific items not covered by Medicare or not routinely covered by the Medicaid Program for consideration.

The provider submits a certificate of medical necessity (CMN) and, if required, a prior authorization form and any other documentation to support medical necessity. Unless specifically exempted by the Department, DME items, supplies, prosthetics, and orthotics will require a CMN completed by the prescriber that will be used by the department to document medical necessity.

2. Coverage of durable medical equipment and supplies, prosthetics, and orthotics for use of patients in the home is based on medical necessity and the requirements of 42 CFR 440.230(c).

Coverage criteria established by the Medicare program will be used as a guide in determining medical necessity but will be subject to a medical necessity override.

3. Any equipment, prosthetic, orthotic, or supply billed (either purchased or repaired) at \$300 or more must be prior authorized by the Department.
4. The criteria used in the determination of medical necessity includes an assessment of whether the item is:
 - a. Provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.230;
 - b. Reasonable and required to identify, diagnose, treat, correct, cure, ameliorate, palliate, or prevent a disease, illness, injury, disability, or other medical condition;
 - c. Clinically appropriate in terms of amount, scope, and duration based on generally accepted standards of good medical practice;
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 - e. Provided in the most appropriate location, with regard to generally accepted standards of good medical practice, where the service may, for practical purposes, be safely and effectively provided;
 - f. Needed, if used in reference to an emergency medical service, to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition that is found to exist using the prudent layperson standard; and,

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- g. Provided in accordance with early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) requirements established in 42 USC 1396d(r) and 42 CFR 441 Subpart B, for recipients under twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - 5. An item of durable medical equipment, prosthetic, or orthotic shall be durable in nature and able to stand repeated use. Coverage of an item of durable medical equipment, prosthetic, orthotic, or medical supply shall be in accordance with the following: shall serve a medical purpose; shall not generally be useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; shall be appropriate for use in the home; and shall be medically necessary, and reasonable.
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 - c. Physical fitness equipment, such as exercycles and treadmills; and,
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 - 7.d. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech pathology and audiology services provided by a home health agency or medical rehabilitation facility
 - 1. Audiology services are not provided under this component.
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9. Clinic Services

Coverage for clinic services is limited to services provided by the following clinics and includes:

1. Mental health centers licensed in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. However, services rendered by community mental health centers to skilled nursing or intermediate care facility patients/residents are not covered.
2. Family planning clinics.
3. Clinics engaging in screening for the purposes of the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment component of the Medicaid Program.
4. Out-patient surgical clinics.
5. Other clinics authorized under 42 CFR 440.90.

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XIV. Durable Medical Equipment, Supplies, Prosthetics and Orthotics1. General DME Items

For DME items that have an HCPC code (except for customized items) reimbursement shall be based on the Medicaid fee schedule, not to exceed the supplier's usual and customary charge.

2. Manual Pricing of DME Items

a. Customized items with a miscellaneous HCPC code of K0108 will require prior-authorization and will be reimbursed at invoice plus twenty-two (22) percent, not to exceed the supplier's usual and customary charge.

b. Customized components that do not have an HCPC code will require prior-authorization and will be reimbursed at invoice plus twenty (20) percent, not to exceed the supplier's usual and customary charge.

c. DME items that do not have HCPC codes will require prior authorization and will be reimbursed at invoice plus twenty (20) percent, not to exceed the supplier's usual and customary charge.

d. Specialized wheelchair bases will require prior-authorization and will be reimbursed at manufacturers suggested retail price minus fifteen (15) percent, not to exceed the supplier's usual and customary charge.